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FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

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INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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AMCONSUL BELIZE

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SUBJ: TRANSCARIBBEAN CABLE:GOES INTEREST IN LOCATION OF
CENTRAL AMERICAN TERMINUS

1. COL JOSE GUILLERMO GARCIA, PRESIDENT, ADMINISTRACION
NACIONAL DE TELECOMUNICACIONES (ANTEL) AN AUTONOMOUS GOES
AGENCY, RAISED WITH EMBOFF QUESTION OF PLANNED TRANS-
CARIBBEAN UNDERWATER COMMUNICATIONS CABLE BETWEEN US AND
CENTRAL AMERICA.

2. GARCIA SAID THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF FIVE CA TELECOMMUNICATIONS
AGENCIES MET RECENTLY TO DISCUSS PROJECT AS
ALL FIVE EXPECT TO USE SERVICE. COL GARCIA SAID PRIMARY
IMMEDIATE CONCERN OF GOES IS LOCATION OF CA TERMINUS. ACCORDING
TO GARCIA TERMINUS WOULD BE LOCATED IN COSTA RICA, NICARAGUA
HONDURAS OR GUATEMALA. COSTA RICA IS POOR CHOICE BECAUSE OF
DISTANCE. NICARAGUA IS OPPOSED BY GOES ACCORDING TO
GARCIA BECAUSE OF SALVADORAN MILITARY DOUBTS ABOUT SOMOZA REGIME.
HONDURAS IS ANATHEMA AS A COMMUNICATIONS ROUTE
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FOR EL SALVADOR FOR OBVIOUS REASONS (PRESUMABLY DEFENSE)

GOES THEREFORE STRONGLY SUPPORTS GUATEMALA AS
ONLY ACCEPTABLE TERMINUS.

3. GARCIA ASKED FOR USG SUPPORT FOR GOES POSITION. EMBOFF
REPLIED THAT EMBASSY HAS LITTLE INFO ON PROJECT BUT IN
ANY EVENT WHILE EMBASSY APPRECIATES GOES EXPRESSION OF CONCERN,
USG WOULD NO DOUBT PREFER THAT CA GOVTS, PRESUMABLY
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THOSE WHO WILL LAY CABLE, WORK OUT
ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION INDEPENDENTLY. HOWEVER, EMBOFF PROMISED
TO CONVEY GOES POSITION TO APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIALS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE FULL INFORMATION ON CABLE
PROJECT SOONEST. ONLY INFO NOW AVAILABLE IS FROM ISOLATED AND
INCOMPLETE PRESS CLIPPING. UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED, EMBASSY
WILL CONTINUE TO TREAT QUESTION AS ONE BEST HANDLED BY DIRECTLY
INTERESTED GOVT WITHOUT OUR INTERVENTION.
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